

Coptic Church Music

The violin lecture-recital of Coptic Church Music next Tuesday is the outcome of the request of the Coptic Patriarch of Alexandria, three years ago, to Brother Ernest Newlandsmith to transcribe and edit the oral tradition of remotest Egyptian antiquity. This hermit-missioner, whose real home is the top of Mount Carmel, whence he proclaims his message through violin to men of all nations passing through Herifa and Jerusalem, is visiting the Universities of Oxford, London and Cambridge, at the request of Mr Ragteb Moftah, the accomplished Christian scholar of Cairo who accompanies him. Later the same evening, at S. Michael's, the friar-musician, already heard in our colleges and churches, will give in simpler form of wider appeal, Coptic and other "Eastern" music,